Dropping of professors from NCERT panel

709. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the four Professors who had been writing books for NCERT for decades, were dropped from the panel;

(b) whether it is also a fact that new four Professors were brought in when a panel was decided to change the curriculum; and

(c) if so, what are the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) has constituted no permanent panel of Professors for writing books for NCERT. As and when books are to be written and requirements arise, eminent Professors/Scholars/Educationists are approached who then collectively or individually author or provide inputs and material for production of new textbooks.

NCERT has recently released the National Curriculum Framework for School Education in the light of National Policy on Education, 1986 and Programme of Action, 1992. Accordingly the Council is engaged in the process of developing detailed subject-wise syllabi and new textbooks. The Curriculum framework emphasises on concerns and issues based on the social, economic, scientific and psychological changes, which require a modern approach, for production of textbooks. This necessitated NCERT seeking the services of different Professors / Scholars, eminent educationists etc. best suited for addressing these concerns.

If so, the names of such colleges; and

Government approved technical colleges

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SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH "LALAN":

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various technical colleges in the country are being run with necessary Government approval;

(b) If so, the names of such colleges; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.